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SUMMARY: FSFA NUCLEAR COORDINATOR, AMB. KLJUN SUGGESTED
CHANGES TO TEXTS NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY GOY, NAMELY
REMOVING REFERENCE TO PLUTONIUM AND NON-US FUEL AND
ADDING ASSURANCE OF NO LESS FAVORABLE TREATMENT THAN
THAT ACCORDED OTHER NATIONS. HE SAID THAT IN EVENT OF
IMPASSE IN NEGOTIATIONS, TITO WOULD NOT ASK FOR BUT
EXPECT PRESIDENTIAL EXCEPTION. KLJUN SAID FUEL
LICENSE WOULD BE NEEDED WITHIN TWO MONTHS. END SUMMARY.

1. ON PRETEXT OF UPCOMING VISIT TO US, SCIATT CALLED
ON FSFA NUCLEAR COORDINATOR KLJUN AND PRESENTED HIM WITH
COPIES OF THE NEW NONPROLIFERATION ACT AND ITS
SUMMARY. KLJUN SAID THAT A RESPONSE TO THE TEXTS
PRESENTED ON MARCH 2 WAS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION
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BUT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING WITHIN TWO WEEKS. HE SUGGESTED
CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS THAT WOULD MAKE ACCEPTANCE OF
THE TEXTS MORE FAVORABLE:
(A) IN SIXTH PARAGRAPH OF VANCE TO MINIC LETTER,
REPLACE REFERENCE TO "PLUTONIUM" WITH "MATERIAL".
HE PREFERRED "CONSULTATION" RATHER THAN "AGREEMENT".
(B) IN SEVENTH PARAGRAPH, KLJUN NOTED THAT

TERMINATION OF SUPPLY AGREEMENT WOULD CREATE NEED FOR NEGOTIATIONS AND SUGGESTED WE ADD LANGUAGE OF MINIC TO VANCE LETTER OF MAY 12 ON YUGOSLAVIA'S READINESS TO NEGOTIATE ON FUTURE DISPOSITION OF FUEL. HE OPPOSED SPECIFYING NON-AMERICAN FUEL. THIS WOULD SEEM TO ELIMINATE NEED FOR PARA 8.

(C) HE SUGGESTED CONCLUDING LETTER WITH AN ASSURANCE THAT YUGOSLAVIA BE GIVEN NO LESS FAVORABLE TREATMENT THAN THAT ACCORDED OTHER COUNTRIES.

2. KLJUN WAS NONCOMMITTAL ON WHETHER WITH THESE CHANGES TEXTS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. HE NOTED THAT THE NONPROLIFERATION ACT CONTAINS EPRR# PROVIDING FOR A PRESIDENTIAL OVERRIDE OF A NRC LICENSE DENIAL. HE SAID THAT DURING HIS RECENT VISIT, TITO DID NOT ASK FOR THE PRESIDENT TO EXERCISE THIS POWER IF THE NEED AROSE AND IN THE FUTURE WOULD NOT. BUT, KLJUN SAID EMPHATICALLY, HE WOULD EXPECT IT. IN RETURN YUGOSLAVIA WOULD DO NOTHING NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH US NONPROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES.

3. KLJUN ADDED A RESOLUTION OF THE FUEL ISSUE WAS NEEDED IN A MONTH OR NOT MORE THAN TWO MONTHS AND THAT YUGOSLAVIA WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE US ASSISTANCE IN EXPANDING ITS SPENT FUEL STORAGE CAPACITY.

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4. SCIATT PROMISED TO DISCUSS THE ABOVE WITH ASST. SEC. NOSENZO NEXT WEEK. KLJUN SAID IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO CABLE NEW LANGUAGE ASAP BEFORE A YUGOSLAV RESPONSE WAS FINALIZED.

5. SCIATT REQUESTS MEETING WITH OES/NET NOSENZO AND EUR/EE FROMOWITZ ON TUESDAY MARCH 28 TO DISCUSS RESPONSE TO KLJUN'S SUGGESTION.

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